

Quick Lesson on Writing Haiku

ED 4352 – Poetry K-12 – Sexsmith

1. Step 1

A haiku poem is a form of Japanese verse writing. This type of poetry is short and simple to write. It consists of three short lines which do not rhyme. A haiku poem can be about any subject, but it must follow the 5 syllable - 7 syllables - 5 syllable guideline.

2. Step 2

The first line of your haiku will need to consist of **five** syllables. For example:

The wind blew softly

3. Step 3

The second line of your haiku will need to consist of **seven** syllables. For example:

Rain poured down from the heavens

4. Step 4

The last line of your haiku will need to consist of **five** syllables. For example:

Another day gone

5. Step 5

There you have it. How to write a haiku in five easy steps!

Random Student Samples

**The beaches waves hit
Sounding of flooding water
Soothes aches all over**

Tiffany, age 13, L.A.

**Silence around us
Our watchful eyes hear the world
Hands do the talking**

Jennifer, Virginia

**Rain falls, seeds sprout
Continues life from something
Small but strong, it grows.**

Sarah, age 14 Cape Cod, MA

Hockey Haiku

**Gracefully slither
He sneaks to the net untouched
With one swing he scores.**

**Slash, push, crush, swipe, skate
Big time effort for four hours
Game ends tied, zero-zero**

**Up on the tundra
You have one of two choices
Hockey or ...ummm...uhhh.....**

Mike A. Crookston, MN (the tundra)

**White light shining through
patterns along the blank wall
brightening my day.**

Sandra, age 14